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SUBJ: TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS

1. ONE-WEEK - AAU TRACK AND FIELD TEAM PROGRAM IN KABUL EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL BOTH AS ATHLETIC EVENT AND IN TERMS POST CONTACT. THROUGH PROGRAM POST MADE CLOSE AND MEANINGFUL CONTACT WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY REACHED ONLY MINIMALLY. HAD SUBSTANTIAL INTERPLAY WITH IMPORTANT TARGET MILITARY GROUP FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS.
2. PROGRAM INCLUDED COACHING CLINICS AT KABUL UNIVERSITY , KABUL POLYTECHNIC (A BRANCH OF UK BUT SOVIET-FINANCED AND INFLUENCED), AND KABUL MILITARY CLUB, WHERE SOVIET PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE GREAT. ENDED WITH 90-MINUTE DEMONSTRATION BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE, HALF-MILITARY, AT CITY'S PRINCIPAL STADIUM.
3. ALTHOUGH TRACK AND FIELD SPORTS EXIST IN AFGHANISTAN IN ONLY MUST RUDIMENTARY FORM, AAU ATHLETES WERE WELCOMED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AT ALL VENUES, AND SEVERAL AFGHAN NATURAL ATHLETES VISIBLY PROFITED FROM CLINICS. AAU TEAM WELL CHOSEN AND EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN SPORTS.
4. MFA, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE MOST COOPERATIVE AND GENEROUS IN PLANNING ATHLETIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS.

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5. BELIEVE AAU VISIT PROVES USEFULNESS OF ATHLETICS IN POST

PROGRAM, AND URGE SIMILAR VISITS IN FUTURE.
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